



## SCHOOL UPDATES

### WEMBLEY FINAL:

An amazing time was had by all last weekend as St Mary's football team – representing Gateshead FC – came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the finals of the National League Trust Under-11s final at Wembley Stadium. A hotly contested competition saw Braintree FC deserving winners of the tournament, with Gateshead finishing ahead of Kidderminster and Telford on the day. A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for all involved (including Mr Colling and Mr Wheatley), the day saw the boys playing on the hallowed turf and collecting their runners-up trophies from the royal box, before taking in Forest Green's 3-1 victory over Tranmere Rovers. Head over to the school's Twitter feed for a few snaps of the day.

### KNOCK:

Next week, our Year 6 pupils will be enjoying their end of year residential trip to Knock Christian Centre, where they will undertake a week of outward bounds activity. The week promises to be a fitting reward following their efforts this year, and we will tweet updates from the week so you can see some of the things they get up to during the trip.

### *Last minute reminders for Y6:*

- *Packed lunch for Monday.*
- *Any medicines to be labelled and handed to the teacher with a consent form.*
- *Please no electronic devices ( other than a camera – if needed – and nothing expensive please!).*
- *Please, where possible, send change for the tuck shop (no more than £5) rather than notes.*
- *If any child is not being picked up at 12pm on Friday, and will need a school dinner, please let us know by Monday.*
- *As we are in the process of changing our text messaging service, we will tweet the expected arrival time of the group (which can also be seen on the homepage of our school website) – so please check for any changes. You can of course also ring the school office for updates.*

### C2C 2017:

Our Coast to Coast riders (12 pupils, 10 family members and Mr Colling!) are entering the final stages of their training for the four-day feat which will begin on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June. The group has decided that they would like to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust (<https://www.cysticfibrosis.org.uk/>). You can donate money for the cause via our Just Giving page (<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/whickhamstmarys>). Please log on, be as generous as you can, and spread the word!

### FILM NIGHTS:

Next week, there will be two Film Nights to raise money for the School Fund:

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May (3:15-5:00 p.m.) for KS2

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May (3:15-5:00 p.m.) for KS1

The price to attend the film night, receiving refreshments of a hot dog, popcorn and a drink is £3.50 per child/£5 per family. Please send in payment to the school office in an envelope marked 'Film Night' with your child's name and year group.

#### WHOLE SCHOOL FUN RUN:

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May, Years Reception, 1, 2, 3 and 5 will be taking part in the Gateshead Fun Run at Saltwell Park. Please could children bring in their £2 voluntary contribution towards the cost of transportation, in a clearly labelled envelope, by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

**We could also do with some more volunteers (to run with the pupils, or not) to come along and help out on the day. Please contact the school office asap if you are able.**

#### REMINDERS

##### NEW INTAKE:

Parents of pupils who will be starting in Reception class in September 2017 have now been informed if they have received a place at school. If there are any prospective parents, new to the area or seeking alternative school provision for their child, who would like to visit the school, or discuss places at St Mary's with Mr Wheatley (especially for Reception 2017), please contact the school office to make an appointment. Please spread the word to family or friends who may be interested in this.

##### HEADLICE:

We have had a couple of reported incidents of head lice in school this week. Just a polite reminder that pupils can come in to school after the first course of treatment has been administered. Please be vigilant when washing/brushing your child's hair, and let school know if you are treating your child for lice.

##### SUMMER TERM CURRICULUM OVERVIEWS:

The Curriculum Overviews for each class will be available to download and view on the curriculum page of the school website (<http://www.whickhamstmarys.org.uk/curriculum.html>). On the overviews, you will see the curriculum content and extended learning opportunities that your child will cover/have this term.

##### ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS:

As a school we are currently collecting Active Kids vouchers (available from Sainsbury's) in order to purchase sporting resources for school. If you – or someone you know – shops at Sainsbury's, we would be very grateful if you could collect and send the vouchers in to school; they will be greatly received, and will go towards continuing to provide excellent sporting opportunities for all at St Mary's. Thank you!

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S:

The next meeting for the Friends of St Mary's will be Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 9am at school. All welcome!

##### SMALL SAINTS:

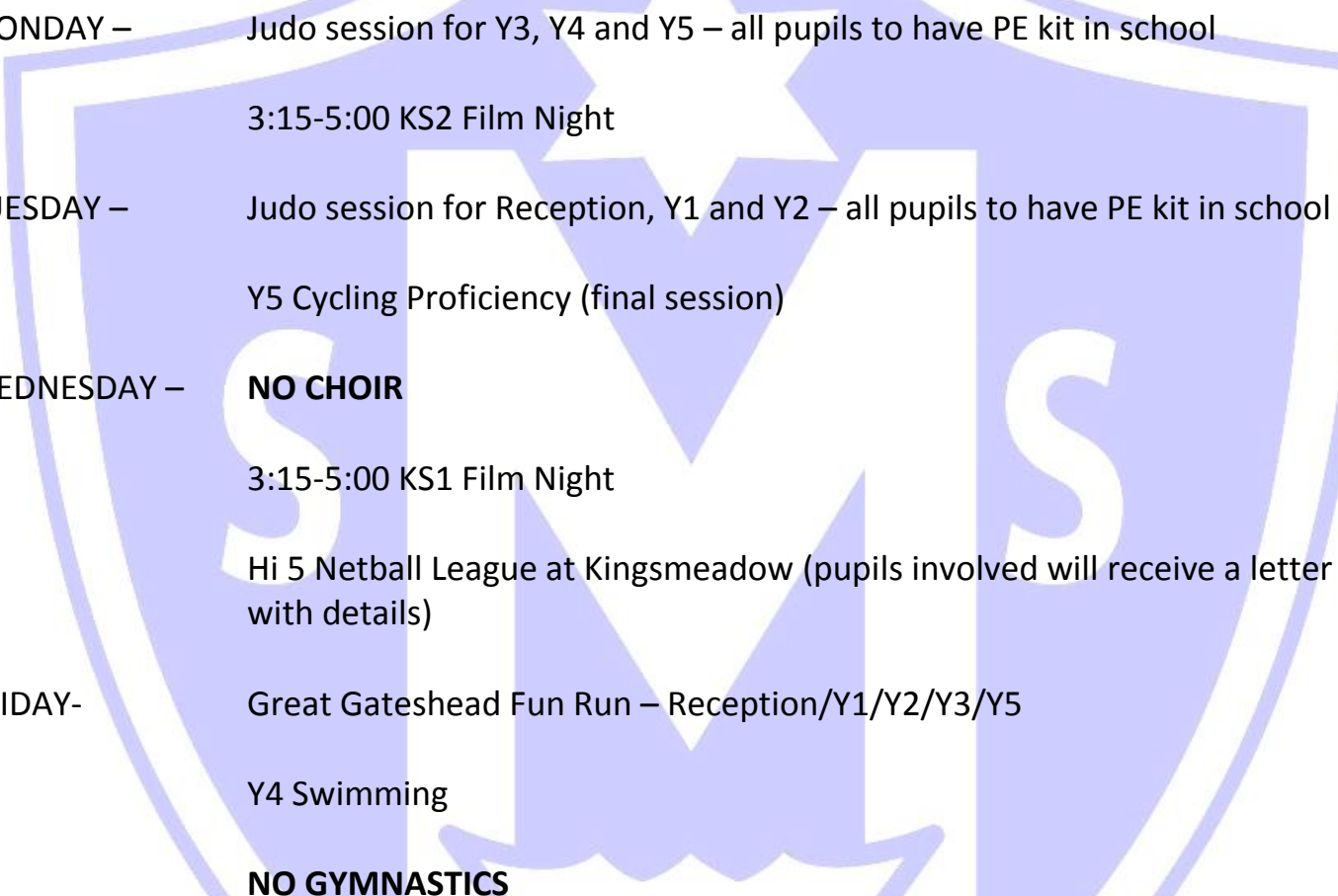
Small Saints are open during the May half term from 7:45am through till 6pm at a cost of £20 per day per child. If you would like to secure a place please contact Leanne on 07882421973

We are also open June 8<sup>th</sup> while school is closed for those parents who may need.

PARISH COFFEE MORNING:

An ex-pupil of the school, Oliver Williams, is running a coffee morning on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May in St Mary's Church hall (10am-1:30pm) to raise money for his part in the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in July. There will be a tombola and bric-a-brac stall as well as a Spring photo competition (please send any entries in to school for collection by the end of next week, or bring along on the day; 7x5 images with name, school name and year group on the back; two prizes on offer); please come along and offer your support if you're able.

THE WEEK AHEAD W/C : 22/05/17

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- MONDAY – Judo session for Y3, Y4 and Y5 – all pupils to have PE kit in school  
3:15-5:00 KS2 Film Night
- TUESDAY – Judo session for Reception, Y1 and Y2 – all pupils to have PE kit in school  
Y5 Cycling Proficiency (final session)
- WEDNESDAY – **NO CHOIR**  
3:15-5:00 KS1 Film Night  
Hi 5 Netball League at Kingsmeadow (pupils involved will receive a letter with details)
- FRIDAY- Great Gateshead Fun Run – Reception/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y5  
Y4 Swimming  
**NO GYMNASTICS**